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APPLICANT: Sprunk et al. TC/ART UNIT: 2431

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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING DATA

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2009 concerning the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond, with fee authorization, is submitted concurrently herewith. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.